

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 11/18/03)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Caritas Contribution for Disaster Relief

As the Board is aware, County staff has been working within the parameters of existing programs, policies, and procedures in efforts to meet the needs of County residents following the devastation caused by Hurricane Isabel. It is extremely gratifying that York County businesses, organizations and citizens have responded with great compassion to our citizens in this time of need. Caritas, Inc., is a charitable foundation established in 1993, by York County business leaders to do good works within the community. In considering the extreme hardships confronting countless of York's residents, the Board of Directors of Caritas has decided to make an extraordinarily generous gift. This is in the form of a \$100,000 grant to the County to be used for disaster relief for York's residents.

Recommendation

This is an exceptional outpouring of concern and generosity, for which County staff is extremely grateful. It is also a clear indication of the importance of government and business working together toward common goals that benefit County citizens. It is my recommendation that the Board accept this grant and appropriate it to an account restricted for the York County ***Disaster Relief Program***. This will effectively maintain the grant separate and apart from other activities; reserve the funds exclusively for County residents with disaster related needs and allow implementation by the Community Services Department according to any further specific criteria required by Caritas.

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Attachment: Proposed Resolution R03-184